

-- PATRON AND CROUPIER ASSESSMENT IN ROULETTE

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

a1 A method for determining the total amount bet by individual players participating in multiple spins of a roulette game at a gaming table that has a chipper machine and an intelligent table terminal. The method involves interfacing the chipper sorting machine with the table terminal, allocating a chip to a patron at the terminal, counting the number of color chips sorted by the chipper machine per color, and associating the number of color chips sorted by the machine per color with the patron. The total amount bet by that patron is then determined by mathematically linking the chip value of the color chip of the patron with the number of chips of the individual color sorted by the chipper machine in the time period in which the color chip is associated with that patron. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 20-46.

Please substitute the following clean version of claim 12:

a2 1 11 1/2. (amended) A method for determining the total amount bet by individual  
2 patrons participating in a plurality of spins of a roulette game at a gaming table, in which said  
3 individual patrons play using chips having different colors, a respective color being associated  
4 with each said individual patron, there being a chipper machine for receiving chips collected  
5 by a croupier during the game of roulette and for arranging the chips according to their  
6 coloring in respective columns, from which the coupier can take stacks of a predetermined  
7 number of chips of a respective color, each chip of a particular color having an associated  
8 monetary value, the method comprising the steps of counting the total number of chips of each  
9 color passing through the chipper machine during the period each individual patron is present  
10 at said gaming table, and establishing the total monetary value of the chips of each color  
11 passing through the chipper machine.

REMARKS:

Claims 2-19 are pending.

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Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of all pending claims.

Claim 12 has been amended by making it independent, as its past dependency from claim 1 (now cancelled) was redundant.

In view of the foregoing, applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a corresponding notification at an early date is requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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**MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE CHANGES TO THE CLAIMS**

IN THE CLAIMS:

12. (amended) A method [in accordance with claim 1] for determining the total amount bet by individual patrons participating in a plurality of spins of a roulette game at a gaming table, in which said individual patrons play using chips having different colors, a respective color being associated with each said individual patron, there being a chipper machine for receiving chips collected by a croupier during the game of roulette and for arranging the chips according to their coloring in respective columns, from which the coupier can take stacks of a predetermined number of chips of a respective color, each chip of a particular color having an associated monetary value, the method comprising the steps of counting the total number of chips of each color passing through the chipper machine during the period each individual patron is present at said gaming table, and establishing the total monetary value of the chips of each color passing through the chipper machine.

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